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POETS' CORNER.

TRUTH.

The Army of Truth on the Mount of Day,
Was sterned by the Mists of an Eering
Way;
Fences of Darkness o'ershadowed the
Right,
But the Army of Truth with Iron Might,
Stood by the Flag unquaking.

With Faith Eternal in the Son of Day,
The Army of Truth held fast to the Way—
In a Ray of Light sped through the
Night,
And scattered Darkness as if a Blight
That far off Star was breaking.
—Fred V. Norton.

ARE IN HONOLULU.

Secretary Taft and Party Were
Guests at a Luncheon Given
in Their Honor.

SECRETARY ATKINSON PRESIDED.

In His Address He Said Hawaii, as
a Fortified Post, Was More Im-
portant Than the Philippines.

The Secretary of War Suggested That
the Best Way to Handle Insular
Affairs Was to Have a Bu-
reau at Washington.

Honolulu, July 15.—Secretary of
War Taft and those accompanying him
on his way to the Philippines arrived
here and were met at the wharf by a
delegation of territorial officials and
prominent residents.

Secretary Taft and party were
guests in the afternoon at a luncheon
given at the Hawaiian hotel. The din-
ing room was elaborately decorated,
and a large gathering of territorial of-
ficials and prominent citizens were
present. Territorial Secretary Atkin-
son presided. In his address of wel-
come he made reference to the prob-
ability of Secretary Taft being a fu-
ture nominee for president and his re-
marks met with general applause.

Secretary Atkinson said in the
course of his remarks that Hawaii, as
a fortified post was more important to
the United States than the Philippines
ever be.

In responding to the toast "The Pres-
ident," Secretary Taft began with a
laudatory reference to Miss Alice
Roosevelt and her representation of the
president, and, continuing, said
that President Roosevelt was anxious
to visit Hawaii, but, being unable to
leave himself had sent along a mem-
ber of his family and that for straight-
forwardness and strenuousness the
president was well represented by his
daughter.

Speaking seriously, Secretary Taft
suggested that the best way to handle
insular affairs would be to have a bu-
reau at Washington devoted to looking
after Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines
and Porto Rico.

Later in the afternoon Secretary
Taft, Miss Roosevelt and others of the
party went to Waikiki beach and ex-
perienced surfing riding. Secretary Taft
says that Gov. Carter has had a suc-
cessful administration of Hawaii, and
is believed that he will withdraw his
resignation after having seen Pres-
ident Roosevelt, who wants Gov. Carter
to remain in office.

THE ELKS' MEETING.

Robert W. Brown, of Louisville, Elect-
ed Grand Exalted Ruler.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 12.—The follow-
ing grand lodge officers were elected at
the annual reunion of the Benevo-
lent and Protective Order of Elks:
Grand exalted ruler, Robert W.
Brown, Louisville, Ky.; grand esteem-
ed leading knight, C. F. Tomlinson,
Watson, N. C.; grand esteemed loyal
instructor, Charles W. Kaufman, Hobo-
ken, N. J.; grand esteemed lecturing
knight, Edward McLaughlin, Boston;
grand secretary, Fred C. Robinson, Du-
quesne, Pa.; grand treasurer, John K.
Teaser, Charleston, Pa.; grand tyler, W.
McClellan, Pittsburgh, Pa.; grand
truster (long term), John D. O'Shea,
Lynn, Mass.; grand trustee (short
term), Dr. W. Haviland, Butte, Mont.
All but Mr. Kaufman and Dr. Haviland
were elected by acclamation.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 13.—The 20th
annual reunion of the Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks will be held
in Denver in 1906. One ballot decided
that at the grand lodge meeting. Den-
ver received twice as many votes as
Dallas.

MAYOR WEAVER.

For the First Time He Received a Bet-
back by the Common Council.

Philadelphia, July 14.—For the first
time since he began his campaign for
municipal reform Mayor Weaver re-
ceived a setback at the hands of com-
mon council when that body did not
emphatically with his request to authorize
him to employ special counsel to re-
present the city in the matter of certain
contracts that are to be brought before
the courts. The ordinance authorizing
the mayor to employ special counsel
was introduced last week and referred
to the finance committee. The mayor
sent a communication to common coun-
cil asking that body to take immedi-
ate action and giving as a reason that
it will be necessary within a short
time to have the courts pass on con-
tracts involving millions of dollars.

DELEGATES CHOSEN

Wise County Republicans Held
Mass Meeting at Wise.

The Number of Delegates to
Go From This County
Doubled.

A Republican mass meeting was
held at Wise, Va., on July 17th,
1905, for the purpose of electing
delegates and alternates to the State
Convention to be held at Roanoke
on the 8th day of August, 1905, and
to the Legislative Convention to be
held at Coeburn on the 26th day of
August, 1905.

The meeting was called to order
by W. S. Rose, County Chairman,
and on motion, Supt. Henry Taylor
was elected chairman, and C. A.
Vance, secretary.

On motion of Judge T. M. Alder-
son, the number of delegates and al-
ternates apportioned to Wise County
was doubled, which based on the
vote cast for Roosevelt for President
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COTTON REPORT LEAK.

The President is Determined That the
Scandal Shall Be Probed.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., July 17.—Pres-
ident Roosevelt has determined that
the scandal growing out of the cotton
report leaks in the department of ag-
riculture shall be probed to the bot-
tom. He holds that the man or men
responsible for the leaks are even in
a greater degree culpable than they
would have been had they stolen mor-
ey outright from the government. He
proposes that Assistant Statistician
Holmes, against whom serious allega-
tions are made, shall be punished if
it shall be found possible to secure his
arrest and conviction under present
laws.

The president has followed the work
of the investigation conducted by Sec-
retary Wilson with keen interest. The
general results have been presented to
him, together with such recommendations
as Secretary Wilson had to make. The
president took prompt and deci-
sive action.

ANNUAL TARGET PRACTICE.

The Oregon Won the Trophy For the
Highest Scores For Battleships.

Washington, July 15.—According to
an announcement made at the navy de-
partment the battleship Oregon, of the
Atlantic fleet, has won the trophy for
the highest scores made by vessels of
the battleship class at the last annual
target practice. The same vessel won
the trophy a year ago.

In the cruiser class the Raleigh, on
the Asiatic station, is the trophy win-
ner of the North Atlantic station.

The Frolic captured the trophy for
vessels of the gunboat class.

The Paul Jones, which won the trophy
a year ago for the best average
among the torpedo boats, again is the
winner this year.

Comparing the fleets it is announced
that the Asiatic fleet made a higher
average than either the North Atlantic
or the Pacific fleet.

SENATOR CLARK'S CONDITION.

He Continues to Rally Satisfactorily
From the Result of An Operation.

New York, July 17.—United States
Senator William A. Clark, of Montana,
continues to rally satisfactorily from
the operation which he underwent for
the removal of an abscess of the brain.
The strength which brought him
through a fairly comfortable night
continued throughout the day and the
physicians in attendance said that the
senator's condition was such as was to
be expected following a delicate and
grave operation. While the informa-
tion made public is all in favor of the
patient, the gravity of the senator's
condition is not withheld from the
family. They are aware that it will
be at least four days before his ulti-
mate safety can be assured.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME.

Unsuccessful Attempts to Secure Pa-
pers Relating to Equitable Trouble.

New York, July 14.—District Attor-
ney Jerome made an unsuccessful at-
tempt to secure from the office of
First Deputy of Insurance Robert Hun-
ter, in this city, a copy of the detailed
evidence on the affairs of the Equita-
ble Life Assurance society, taken be-
fore Superintendent of Insurance Fran-
cis Hendricks. This is the report
which already has been printed, and of
which Mr. Jerome said it was "funny"
that he could not obtain a copy when
a newspaper secured and printed it.

THE BIGELOW ASSETS.

Committee Appointed To Appraise It
Made a Partial Report.

Milwaukee, July 12.—Thomas R.
Mercein, Robert Nussmeacher and
George H. Fischer, appointed by Ref-
eree Maxwell and the Wisconsin Trust
Co. to appraise the assets of F. G. Bige-
low, made a partial report. Their re-
ported value is \$238,544, while the
claims which have been filed against
the estate total up to \$2,191,893.77, including secured and un-
secured and the labor claims already
filed.

COW VICTORY.

Ordinance Curtailing Liberty
of Cow Repealed.

Important Question Settled by
Action of Council in Special
Meeting.

The worries of the czar, the trials
and tribulations of Hyde of the
Equitable, the offensive taint on
Rockefeller's millions, the overthrow
of the Ring in Philadelphia, the
Martin-Montague controversy, the
ups and downs of the local baseball
team, and, yes, even the time worn
topic of conversation the weather, all
these, in truth, have been kicked
into temporary oblivion and com-
pletely overshadowed by the meek
and lowly Town Cow who stands in
the center of the local stage with
head bowed low, one eye upon the
forbidden early morning grass and
the other blinking with mute appeal
and resentment at the councilmen
who curtailed her freedom. Her
supporters have increased in numbers
every hour and nights of embos-
tment oratory upon the Bovine ques-
tion have been the order of the day. The
valiant slogan, "Vivat Bos!" has
been echoed and re-echoed throughout
the main streets, boulevards, thor-
oughfares and alleys of the munici-
pality, its reverberating even shak-
ing the walls and rattling the window
panes of the building where the town
council holds forth.

Saturday night at the adjourned
meeting of the Council two petitions
were handed to that body signed by
the citizens of the town. One was
in favor of the repeal of the ordi-
nance which forced cow owners to
put up their cows at night and pro-
hibited them from milking them on
the streets and was signed by eighty-
six heads of families. The other,
which supported the ordinance had
but 25 names.

ORDINANCE UPHOLD.

After a short discussion S. P.
Fleener made a motion to repeal the
ordinance in accordance with the
request embodied in the petition.
The motion was lost, the result being
a tie. Those in favor of repeal were
S. P. Fleener, G. M. Brown and S.
R. Jesse. Those opposed were W. H.
Horton, R. B. Alsever and W. W.
Taylor. W. A. Head was not pres-
ent.

After this a motion was carried to
listen to W. F. Baker who wished to
address the Council. Mr. Baker
mentioned the fact that certain peo-
ple had been permitted to build
stables on unused streets and milked
their cows in these stables. Mr. Baker
raised the question as to
whether this was violation of the ordi-
nance.

R. B. Alsever answered that if the
building of the stable on the lot had
been authorized by the Council, the
milking of cows in said stable would
not be considered an infraction of
the ordinance. After a slight dis-
cussion on this subject it was finally
left to the discretion of the mayor to
give cow owners permission to build
stables on unused thoroughfares.

S. R. Jesse then offered an
amendment to make the law include
all cattle and also to provide for a
calaboose for those cows that dis-
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THE RUSSIAN ENVOY.

Spent An Hour in Consultation With
American Ambassador Meyer.

St. Petersburg, July 14.—Emperor
Nicholas has signed the appointment
of M. Witte, president of the com-
mittee of ministers, to be chief plenip-
otentiary representing the Russian gov-
ernment in the peace negotiations to
be conducted next month in the United
States.

St. Petersburg, July 17.—M. Witte
spent an hour with George Von L.
Meyer, the American ambassador, at
the Kleinmichel palace, discussing the
forthcoming peace conference. Before
leaving for Paris next Wednesday M.
Witte will have still another audience
with the emperor. In the meantime
he must pay a round of official visits
to the imperial ministers. M. Witte
is expected to be the bearer of a
personal message from the emperor to
President Roosevelt.

TO THE NORTH POLE.

Lieut. Robert E. Peary Starts on His
Long Journey.

New York, July 17.—Lieut. Robert
E. Peary started on his long journey
in quest of the north pole. His ship,
the Roosevelt, which has been lying
in the North river since Saturday
night, weighed anchor and got under-
way at ten minutes after 12. On board
the vessel besides the explorer's party
were a number of guests and news-
paper men, who accompanied the ship
as far as Sandy Hook, where they were
taken off by a navy tug and sent out
by Adm. Coughlin. A launch bearing
a party of explorers and news-
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W. W. BLACKMAR.

Commander-in-Chief of Grand
Army of Republic Expires
in Boise, Ida.

HE SUCCEMBED TO NEPHRITIS.

The Body Will Be Embalmed and
Taken to the Home of the
Family at Boston.

The General Arrived at Boise July 10
on a Tour of Visits to Grand
Army Posts Through the
Northwest.

Boise, Ida., July 17.—Gen. W. W.
Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the
Grand Army of the Republic, died here
of nephritis.

His wife was with him during his
illness. The body will be embalmed
and taken to the home of the family
at Boston. The general arrived on
July 10 on a tour during which he in-
tended to visit Grand Army posts
through the northwest. He was ill
when he arrived and gradually failed.
The seriousness of his condition was



Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar.

kept from the public at the request of
his wife.

Gen. Blackmar was born July 25,
1841, at Bristol, Pa. He enlisted in
the 15th Pennsylvania cavalry and sub-
sequently joined the First West Vir-
ginia. He served with distinction
through the war and at Five Forks
was promoted to the rank of captain.
Throughout three administrations,
those of Govs. Long, Talbot and Rice,
he was judge advocate general of Mas-
sachusetts. At the last national en-
campment of the G. A. R. he was elected
commander-in-chief.

Boston, July 17.—Except to two or
three officials of the Grand Army the
news of the death of Gen. Blackmar
was received with great sur-
prise in this city. The home of Gen.
Blackmar was in this city and since
his elevation to the position of com-
mander-in-chief, the headquarters of
the organization has been here. Gen.
Blackmar is succeeded by John R.
King, of Washington, senior vice com-
mander.

AN ANGRY MOB.

The American Flag Torn Down and
Trampled Under Feet.

London, Ont., July 13.—An Ameri-
can flag was torn down from in front
of the city hall and trampled under a
hundred feet as the result of a remark
made by an American visitor at the
Orange-men's demonstration. About
800 Americans came over from Michi-
gan and during the day carried the
stars and stripes through the streets
without unfavorable comment being
excited. At night the Americans were
gathered in front of a hotel when some
one cried, "To be with Canada; she
never showed us yet." Instantly the
American flag owned by the Port Huron
Mich. lodge was torn from where it
was in the trees and was ripped into
shreds and trampled under the feet
of an angry mob. Port Huron
Orange-men say they did not resent it,
as they believed the insult to Canada
was uncalled for.

THE JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA.

Special Memorial Service Held For
the Late Secretary Hay.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 17.—The
Chautauqua held a special memorial
service for the late Secretary of State
John Hay. The eulogy was delivered
by Simon Wolfe, former congressman
from New York. Resolutions expres-
sing the gratitude of the Jewish race
for the work of Mr. Hay in behalf of
the Jews were adopted. During the
conference meeting an address on
"Americanization of the Immigrant"
was delivered by Dr. David Phillips,
of Cincinnati.

Their Salaries Reduced.

New York, July 13.—Sweeping re-
ductions in the salaries of various offi-
cials and employees of the Equitable
society were made by Chairman Mor-
ton. The decreases will amount to 20
per cent. on all salaries over \$15,000
per annum.

Want Saturday Half Holidays.

Members of the government navy
mechanics of the government navy
have appointed a committee
to ask the president at
Washington for a Saturday
half holiday.

BIG MOB GATHERED

Attempted to Lynch a Colored
Man Implicated in Murder
of a White Woman.

THE TROOPS HELD IN READINESS.

Congressman Barnett and Judge
Disque Made Addresses to the
Crowd and They Dispersed.

The Would-Be Lynchers Lacked a
Leader and This Alone, It is Be-
lieved, Prevented Bloodshed
at Gadsden, Ala.

Montgomery, Ala., July 17.—At 10
o'clock Sunday night Gov. Jelks re-
ceived the following telegram from
Gadsden, Ala.:

"My jail and prisoners confined
therein threatened by mob. Prisoners
in jail charged with rape and murder
of white woman. Need military as-
sistance. Answer."

The governor immediately telegraphed
Capt. L. R. Raney, commanding the
Gadsden company of the state troops,
to place his company at the disposal of
the sheriff, and to keep the executive
office advised of further developments.

A mob of 300 people gathered on
Broad street in Gadsden at dark and
marched on the jail, demanding that
the doors be opened. One young man
had the rope ready to swing Vance
Gardner, one of the negroes implicated
in the killing. Sheriff Chandler and
Judge J. H. Disque were prepared for
them. Company C, with First Lieut.
A. R. Brindley in charge, was called
out and had pickets out. Congres-
sman Barnett and Judge Disque made
talks and the mob dispersed. The mob
lacked a leader. This alone prevented
bloodshed.

AN ARMED WOMAN.

For Two Hours She Held a Phoebe of
Officers at Bay.

Memphis, Tenn., July 15.—With a re-
volver in each hand and two other re-
volvers in easy reach, Mrs. Annie Mo-
gridge, proprietress of a grocery store
in South Memphis, for two hours held
at bay a posse of officers who sought
to eject her from her home, which had
been condemned by one of the railroad
lines of the city under the right of em-
inent domain.

Deputy Sheriff Ernest Miller suc-
ceeded in catching the lady off her
guard and seized her. A scuffle en-
sued in which one of the two revolv-
ers was discharged. With the de-
fender of the house under arrest, the
building was then dragged from the
lot by means of a switch engine and a
heavy cable.

ADULTERATED FOODS.

Subject Discussed By the National
Food and Dairy Convention.

Portland, Ore., July 13.—Adultera-
tion of foods and how to prevent it
was the subject of discussion at the
National Food and Dairy convention.
In the principal address of the session
R. M. Allen, of Kentucky, secretary
of the convention, presented his sub-
ject, "The Label," as the solution of
the adulteration problem, believing
that if manufacturers were forced by
law to put on the labels the exact
constituents of their food products and
people could thus buy pure or adulter-
ated food as they desired, the evils of
food adulteration would be eliminated.

KILLED IN THE STREET.

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Shot By Mrs.
Carter at St. Louis.

St. Louis, July 17.—In the presence
of her mother, Bessie Barnes, 15, was
shot dead on the street in front of her
home at 2705 Lucas avenue. Mrs.
Mary Carter, 30, is under arrest,
charged with the shooting, which is
said to have been the culmination of
ill feeling between the two families.
Mrs. Carter lies strapped to a cot at
the police station raving over the
shooting. By her side were her three
small children.

Jurisdiction Ceded.

Washington, July 13.—The acting
secretary of war has been notified by
the governor of Mississippi that that
state has ceded jurisdiction over cer-
tain lands in Warren county recently
acquired by the United States as an
addition to the National Military park
at Vicksburg.

Gen. Viljoen Married.

St. Louis, July 17.—From a marriage
license recently issued it was learned
that Gen. Ben J. Viljoen, formerly of
the Boer army, was married in St.
Louis last Wednesday to Mrs. Myrtle
Dickerson Lowden, of Pittsfield, Ill.
Gen. Viljoen met his bride during the
World's fair.

National Association of Sheriffs.

St. Paul, Minn., July 15.—The Na-
tional Association of Sheriffs will con-
vene here August 3 for a three days'
session. A feature of the program of
entertainment will be the hanging of
the two murderers, Gottschalk and
Williams.

Wallace's New Job.

Washington, July 13.—John F. Wal-
lace, who recently resigned as chief
engineer of the Panama canal work, is
to go with George Westinghouse, who
has a scheme to parallel steam roads
with his electric lines wherever it is
found to be feasible.

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